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In re Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page 12 of this paper. Claims 1-9 are pending, with claims 1 and 8 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.